IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 3-6, 9, 11-13 and 15-18 as follows.

1. (Original) A method of operating broadcast or multicast apparatus, the method comprising:

controlling the apparatus to broadcast or multicast, in respect of one or more announcements on a lower level and relating to a category of an information service, data indicating a category to which the announcements relate, and data indicating the quantity of announcement information transmitted in respect of the lower level.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the data is broadcast or multicast in respect of one or more announcements on an immediately lower level.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, further comprising controlling the apparatus to broadcast or multicast information identifying a location of access of the lower level announcement information.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising controlling the apparatus to broadcast or multicast information identifying a timeout value.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising controlling the apparatus to broadcast or multicast information identifying a transport format of the lower level announcements.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the broadcast or multicast is an Internet Protocol datacast transmission using time-slicing.

7. (Original)   An information service broadcaster or multicaster arranged to produce for broadcasting or multicasting data indicating a category to which one or more announcements on a lower level and relating to information service belong and data indicating the quantity of announcement information transmitted in respect of the lower level announcements.

8. (Original)   An information service broadcaster or multicaster as claimed in claim 7, in which the announcement data relates to one or more announcements on an immediately lower level.

9. (Currently Amended)   A method of operating a receiver, the method comprising:

receiving via a receiver (34) announcement data indicating a category to which one or more announcements on a lower level and relating to an information service belong, and quantity data indicating the quantity of announcement information transmitted in respect of the lower level announcements; and

controlling the receiver to receive announcement data for a period of time dependent at least in part on the quantity data.

10. (Original)   A method as claimed in claim 9, in which the announcement data relates to one or more announcements on an immediately lower level.

11. (Currently Amended)   A method as claimed in claim 9 or claim 10 in which the controlling step includes directing the receiver to a location received as part of a relevant higher level announcement.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ <u>claim</u> 9 ~~to 11~~, further comprising receiving in connection with the higher level announcement information indicating a timeout value, and controlling the receiver to cease receiving announcement data for a period of time dependent the timeout value, and to subsequently resume receiving announcement data.

13. (Currently Amended) A receiver ~~(30)~~ for receiving announcement data indicating a category to which one or more announcements on a lower layer and relating to an information service belong and quantity data indicating the quantity of announcement information transmitted in respect of the lower level announcements; and arranged to receive announcement data for a period of time dependent at least in part on the quantity data.

14. (Original) A receiver as claimed in claim 13, in which the announcement data relates to one or more announcements on an immediately lower level.

15. (Currently Amended) A receiver as claimed in claim 13 ~~or claim 14~~ which is arranged to be directed to a location identified by location information data receivable as part of the higher level announcement.

16. (Currently Amended) A receiver as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ <u>claim</u> 13 ~~to 15~~, which is arranged to cease receiving lower level announcement data for a period of time dependent on a timeout value receivable by the receiver, and to resume subsequently receiving information service data.

17. (Currently Amended) A receiver as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ <u>claim</u> 13 ~~to 16~~, which is a portable, battery-powered receiver.

18. (Currently Amended) A receiver as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 13 ~~to 17~~, which is arranged to receive time-sliced Internet Protocol datacast transmissions.

19. (Original) A user interface, useable with an electronic program or service guide, the user interface comprising:

a receiver module arranged to receive data indicating a category to which one or more announcements on a lower level and relating to an information service belong, and quantity data indicating the quantity of announcement information transmitted in respect of the lower level announcements, and

a display module arranged to display a number of category options, which options are selectable by a user, the number of category options being dependent at least in part on the quantity data.

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